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I. Introduction

1. The thirteenth session of the Ad Hoc Committee established by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996 was convened in accordance with paragraph 23 of General Assembly resolution 63/129. The Committee met at Headquarters from 29 June to 2 July 2009.

2. In accordance with paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 51/210, the Ad Hoc Committee was open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

3. At its 42nd meeting, on 29 June 2009, the Committee decided that the members of the Bureau of the Committee at the previous session would continue to serve in their respective capacities. However, as some members were no longer available to serve in their respective capacities, the Committee elected new members. The Bureau was thus constituted as follows:

Chairman:
Rohan Perera (Sri Lanka)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Maria Telalian (Greece)
Ana Cristina Rodríguez-Pineda (Guatemala)
Namira Nabil Negm (Egypt)

Rapporteur:
Andi Xhoi (Albania)

4. Václav Mikulka, Director of the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, acted as Secretary of the Ad Hoc Committee, assisted by George Korontzis as Deputy Secretary. The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs provided the substantive services for the Committee.

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5. At the same meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee adopted the following agenda (A/AC.252/L.18):

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. Consideration of the questions contained in the mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee as set out in paragraph 22 of General Assembly resolution 63/129 of 11 December 2008.
6. Adoption of the report.

6. The Ad Hoc Committee had before it the report on its twelfth session.[1] It also had before it the report on its sixth session,[2] containing, inter alia, a discussion paper prepared by the Bureau on the preamble and article 1 of the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism; informal texts of articles 2 and 2 bis, prepared by the coordinator; the texts of articles 3 to 17 bis and 20 to 27 prepared by the Friends of the Chairman; texts relating to article 18, one circulated by the coordinator for discussion and the other proposed by the States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference; a list of proposals made during the informal consultations on the preamble and article 1 appended to the report of the coordinator on the results of the informal consultations in the Ad Hoc Committee; and two letters of 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations concerning the convening of a high-level special session of the General Assembly on cooperation against terrorism.[3]

II. Proceedings

7. The Ad Hoc Committee held two plenary meetings: the 42nd on 29 June and the 43rd on 2 July 2009.

8. At the 42nd meeting, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Mr. Lublin Dilja, its Rapporteur from 2003 until 2008, who passed away in February 2009. The Ad Hoc Committee also expressed its appreciation to Diego Malpede (Argentina), and Sabelo Sivuyile Maqungo (South Africa), who were no longer

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 37* (A/63/37).

[2] Ibid., *Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 37* (A/57/37 and Corr.1). See also the reports of the Ad Hoc Committee on its seventh to tenth sessions (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 37* (A/58/37); ibid., *Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 37* (A/59/37); ibid., *Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 37* (A/60/37); and ibid., *Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 37* (A/61/37)). See also the reports of the Working Group established at the fifty-fifth to sixtieth sessions of the General Assembly (A/C.6/55/L.2, A/C.6/56/L.9, A/C.6/57/L.9, A/C.6/58/L.10, A/C.6/59/L.10 and A/C.6/60/L.6). The summaries of the oral reports of the Chairman of the Working Group established at the sixty-first, sixty-second and sixty-third sessions are contained in documents A/C.6/61/SR.21, A/C.6/62/SR.16 and A/C.6/63/SR.14, respectively.

[3] Letters dated 1 and 30 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the Chairman of the Sixth Committee, respectively (A/60/329 and A/C.6/60/2).

available to serve as Vice Chairpersons and the late Lublin Dilja for their valuable contribution to its work. The Ad Hoc Committee also adopted its work programme and decided to proceed with discussions in informal consultations and informal contacts. At the same meeting, the Committee held a general exchange of views on the draft comprehensive convention and on the question of convening a high-level conference. An informal summary of those discussions, prepared by the Chairman, appears in annex I to the present report. The informal summary is intended for reference purposes only and not as a record of the discussions.

9. The informal consultations regarding the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism were held on 29 June and informal contacts were held on 29 and 30 June. On 29 June and on 2 July, the Coordinator of the draft convention, Maria Telalian (Greece), made statements briefing delegations on the informal contacts held intersessionally on 23 June 2009 and during the current session, respectively. A summary of those reports appears in annex II to the present report, for reference purposes only and not as a record of discussions.

10. The informal consultations concerning the question of convening a high-level conference under the auspices of the United Nations to formulate a joint organized response of the international community to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations were held on 30 June. An informal summary of those discussions, prepared by the Chairman, appears in annex I to the present report. The informal summary is intended for reference purposes only and not as a record of the discussions.

11. At the same meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee adopted the report on its thirteenth session.

III. Recommendation

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